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WITHIN THE WEEK

It is a venerable custom, in the 1st days of the New Yr, to take a long look ahead and see what can be discerned. Let us emphasize, however, that in making these predictions *Quote* pretends to no necromantic skill. We are analysts, not fortune-tellers.

It will be a yr of gen'l. progress and prosperity. The business map will have its grays, and even an occasional spot of black. But we see nothing on the horizon to offset a feeling of optimism for the future. With more and better merchandise to vend (notably an increase in durable goods) retail sales should set new records. Production in practically all lines should be active. Profits in distributive trades, generally speaking, will exceed '45.

LABOR: We're basically optimistic. Sharp rises in unemployment seem inevitable as millions are ret'd to labor forces. This is transient; will not attain alarming proportions. There will be strikes, threats, negotiations thru 1st half of '46, but gradual pattern will emerge. Production will not be retarded to degree alarmists now fear. Problem in many industries will be famine of skilled workers. There have been no apprentices in yrs to replace aged workers who drop out.

AGRICULTURE: This should be another good yr. As in case of

some mfgs, farmer's net may be slightly under '45, due to increased production costs. Farm bloc will concentrate on holding gains. May be need for further price support by mid-yr.

PRICE CONTROL: We expect OPA extension, but to secure this add'l lease from Congress **BOWLES** must adopt more realistic attitude toward rising production costs. Price trend will be steadily upward.

WAR END: Pres **TRUMAN** will no doubt declare hostilities officially at an end by mid-yr.

CONGRESS: Bear in mind this is "off" election yr. When representatives must win election while Administration holds over, it's difficult for latter to command strict loyalty. Congressman knows he's elected by *people*, not *party*. He'll heed home folk, rather than White House. (Some prognosticators think Democratic party differences will be submerged. We doubt it.) Our opinion: **TRUMAN** will gain support only on those measures that meet wide popular favor.

VETERANS: They'll raise terrific ruckus on housing, which now threatens to be Big Issue of '46. This group will also express bitterness if jobs to their liking are not available promptly.



SHIFTING SANDS

The gov't demographers (persons who make a statistical study of populations) have been engaged in forecasting effect of rising birth-rate on future community life. Rate has been upward for 5 yrs, reaching peak in '43. Prewar rate was 18 births per 1000 population; rate is now about 21. May not seem too important to laymen, but collective effect is significant. With ret'g vets founding families upward trend will probably continue 2 more yrs . . . We've mentioned before that elementary schools are planning for bumper crop of primary pupils in '48-'49. However, high schools and colleges have much more immediate problem. Veterans seeking education under GI provisions will crowd all institutions of learning to absolute capacity. Provision of classrooms is something to consider, but educators are chiefly concerned at the moment with scarcity of instructors and inadequate living quarters for students enrolling for the next semester.



FOR THOSE WHO WILL NOT BE MENTALLY MAROONED

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"HE WHO NEVER QUOTES, IS NEVER QUOTED"

Charles Haddon Spurgeon

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"The only reason for putting on a play is that you love it. It's got to start a fire in your heart that will burn a hole in your vest."—HOWARD LINDSAY, co-producer (with RUSSELL CROUSE) of the sensational successes, *Life With Father* and *Arsenic and Old Lace*. (Pair is currently producing *The Hasty Heart*.) 1-Q

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"No dads, no votes."—Note accompanying pr of pink and white baby booties sent to the House Military Committee. (Committee has been deluged with letters urging action to speed ret'n of fath-ers in military service.) 2-Q

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"Any censorial excursion into that realm would most certainly destroy the respect and confidence of the censored and lead to the collapse of the entire structure."—BYRON PRICE, war-time censorship director, declaring that free exercise of editorial opinion and criticism is a foundation stone of our form of gov't, and that censorship should be used "solely as an instrument of war." (Mr PRICE recently became V-Pres of the Motion Picture Producers and Distributors of America.) 3-Q

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"(It is) indispensable that the area be such that all mbrs of the United Nations should be able to feel at home in it, whatever their racial origin or the character of their state."—Great Britain and India, jointly demanding that United Nations select U S city which draws no color lines as site of permanent home. 4-Q

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"If they will let Laski (chairman of the executive board of the Labor Party, who recently visited N Y) loose, they will let anybody loose." — Lady ASTOR, vigorously denying that the Foreign Office said she "must keep her trap shut" if she got a passport. 5-Q

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"Your unselfish devotion to duty has preserved for all of us our precious heritage of liberty."—Pres TRUMAN, sending Christmas greetings to the more than 80,000 vets in Veterans Administration homes and hospitals. 6-Q

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"The defense rests."—Inscription which, at his request, will be placed on tombstone of JOHN E GOEMBEL, 79 yr old lawyer of Rockford, Ill, who died last wk. 7-Q

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"In '46, the scientific revolution will become continually more apparent as 'secret weapons' are freed for application to everyday use. Instruments and services which in the normal course of events might not have appeared until 1960, should therefore be in use before 1950."—DAVID SARNOFF, pres, Radio Corp'n of America, in a yr-end statement. 8-Q

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"You men forget you're not working for Gen'l Motors—you're still in the Army."—Col J C CAMPBELL, depot commander at Manila, addressing 4000 GI's who formed a mass meeting to protest the cancellation of a scheduled home-bound transport. (Col CAMPBELL explained the cancellation was in connection with consolidation of replacement depots. Protesters dispersed promptly.) 9-Q

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"I'm sorry the atomic bomb was used against the Japs. I would have preferred to see us lick them outright without it, thus proving the superiority of American Army and Navy. However, the atomic bomb did one good thing: It eliminated 100,000 Japs we'll never have to worry about."—Adm WM F HALSEY, Jr. 10-Q

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"New England needs more of the Billy Rose and less of the Calvin Coolidge in its promotion, to capitalize fully on postwar opportunities."—Jos P KENNEDY, in a report to the legislature of Mass, recommending \$1 million a yr budget for publicity. 11-Q

"Thank you, but I'm doing business with Santa Claus on the plaza." — Comment of a 4-yr-old Kansas City miss, who primly declined overtures of a dep't store Santa. (Kansas City's contribution to tiny tots this yr was a huge exhibit on the plaza. Santa was shown in his sleigh (with stuffed reindeer) perched atop a small white bungalow. A radio announcer, inside the house, served as the "voice" of Santa. Children's requests were relayed to him; his responses came, realistically, thru Santa's mouth.) 12-Q

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"It is just plain awful!"—Discouraged comment of a ry attendant at Dearborn sta, Chicago, as thousands of would-be Holiday travelers jammed the rickety old structure, unable in some cases to get within half-a-block of departing trains. 13-Q

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"You angel! Just what I needed to exchange for just what I wanted!"—A woman's perhaps-too-candid comment, as presented in a cartoon in *True*. 14-Q

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"I'm an actor, and if I hear that another actor can push a button, and my teeth fall out—I want to know about it and do something about it."—DANNY KAYE, giving his own simplified and personalized version of what atomic fission means as a threat to peace-loving peoples. 15-Q

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"Yes, woman's place is in the home—but not in just one home. No mother should sleep until every child in her community is adequately cared for."—Mrs AGNES E MEYER, co-owner of *Washington Post*, who proposes a new Cabinet post, a Sec'y of Community Services, to co-ordinate public health and welfare on a federal, state and community level. 16-Q

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"The Dep't of the Interior advocated statehood for Hawaii. Self-gov't is the right of all peoples, and statehood is the framework of self-gov't most appropriate to Hawaii's economic and social situation." — HAROLD L ICKES Sec'y of Interior. 17-Q

"Nationalism is growing rapidly in the U S."—GERALD L K SMITH, leader of America First movement, quoted in Louisville. 18-Q

QUOTE Index

Beginning with this 1st number of our 11th vol, *QUOTE* is starting a comprehensive index covering its entire content. Thus the numbers which appear in connection with subject heads. Material in standard dep'ts will be covered by a simple system of alphabet symbols, to be explained fully in the index itself.

This index comes in response to many requests from subscribers who file copies of *QUOTE* for future reference. We have long recognized the need, but could not meet it until the removal of wartime paper restrictions.

Each *QUOTE* vol covers a period of 6 mo's. Thus the index for the present vol will be mailed to all subscribers early in July, '46. There will be no add'l charge.

"Babe Ruth's great home-run record won't last. Nor will the other heroic marks still be standing in the yr 2000 . . . Some youngster will come along to hit 'em harder and oftener and become the new Sultan of Swat."—CONNIE MACK, grand old man of baseball, interviewed at St Petersburg, Fla on his 83d birthday. 19-Q

"It will be enjoyable, but not so enjoyable if mbrs of the committee come back half dead."—A PELT, Netherlands delegate to UNO conference, who precipitated quite a debate by introducing a resolution that the interim committee, which will visit U S to look over prospective sites for world hdqtrs, "not accept any hospitality, either private or public." (It was decided to leave matter of accepting hospitality to individual delegates. China's wisecracking Victor Hoo suggested: "We might appoint mbrs who have stomach ulcers so they could not enjoy the hospitality.") 20-Q

"The writing business is a racket. All you have to do is think."—FRANK FAY, veteran actor, currently starring in the Broadway success, *Harvey*. Quoted in *Chicago Trib* by FREDERIC BABCOCK. (FAY has just recently done a bit of authoring himself; a little book titled *How to be Poor*. Some critics have intimated that it didn't require too much thinking.) 21-Q

"There has been no single cause of GI hatred for officers—and we use the word advisedly—greater than the hatred stirred by looking out of a match-box barracks or dust-ridden tent to see your platoon commander breezing off for a soft bed in officers' quarters, or to a quick one before dinner at the chrome-and-plastic bar of a movie-type officers' club." — From an editorial in the expiring *Yank*, which purposed to give the Army "for free" some advice on how to make itself more appealing to recruits. Revolutionary recommendation: Officers and men should wear same uniforms, except for distinguishing insignia; should have the same equipment, quarters, mess facilities. 22-Q

"I consider that common decency and the fundamental comradeship of all human beings requires us to do what lies within our power to see that our established immigration quotas are employed to bring into this country as many refugees and displaced persons as possible."—Pres HARRY TRUMAN, ordering admission of such individuals at maximum rate of 3900 a month, under existing immigration laws. 23-Q

"You're doing enough for me already. Don't tip me until you're wearing a fedora."—Counsel of Mrs JOSEPHINE KELLEY, hat-check gal in Wrigley Bldg restaurant. (Mrs KELLEY has consistently refused gratuities of servicemen since war began; is now being rewarded by generous contributions from appreciative vets, back from the wars. She is renowned for her practice of never giving hat checks. She remembers faces, always rt'ns the right headgear.) 24-Q

"It's going to be the dizziest New Yr's eye on record. The whole Loop will be a nuthouse. The best spot to be is in bed, or in the country."—Sage counsel of a harried night club prop, in Chicago. (But indications are that few will heed the advice. Practically all the better night spots are sold out; turning applicants away.) 25-Q

"Horse brings peace."—Translation of MA SHIHERH, Gen'l GEORGE C MARSHALL's name in Chinese. (Characters have variable meanings, but this one is humorously preferred by the Chinese.) 26-Q

"Japan is filled with self-reproach at the horror of its colossal crime at Pearl Harbor."—*Asahi*, Japanese newspaper. 27-Q

"All I want is to see the expression on the owner's face when I give him the dough."—GEORGE McBRIDE, a Milwaukee construction worker, asking newspapers to help him return wallet he found containing \$800. 28-Q

"I think the American method of justice admirable fair."—Mrs TOMOYUKI YAMASHITA. 29-Q



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COLUMNIST'S COLUMN

Nation of Idiots
SYDNEY J HARRIS

At a party the other night, folks were complaining about the way things are being run—they didn't like U S foreign policy, or lack of it, in China; and they were worried about chaos in Europe as a result of our political pussy-footing. One of the complainers turned to me: "What do you think the trouble is?" he asked. I said I thought the main trouble is that we're a nation of idiots.

He got pretty riled about this, and so did the others, until I explained: The English word "idiot" comes from the Greek, "idiotes," which means a man who is concerned wholly with himself, a man who lacks interest and takes no active part in public affairs. To the ancient Greeks, this kind of man was almost inconceivable; in their city-states, democracy was something that every citizen took part in, as normally as breathing.

Therefore, by definition, "idiotes" in Greek came to signify a stupid and selfish man, who cared only for his own private affairs . . .

In the long run, it doesn't matter much whether an individual joins the Union for Democratic Action or the Young Republicans, so long as he makes his opinions felt. It's the democratic process itself that's important, not the temporary power held by one party or another. As matters stand, nobody except professional politicians and lobbyists throw any weight around. And that ain't the idea Jefferson had in mind. He never figured we'd turn into a nation of idiots. Maybe the root of our troubles is right there. Huh?—Abridged from a syndicated col.

ABILITY—Unrealized—1

When Michelangelo was ordered to decorate the walls of the Sistine Chapel, he refused. He had never done any work of that kind and said he could not do it. But he was told his refusal would not be accepted. When he discovered there was no alternative without unpleasant consequences, he mixed his colors and went to work. And thus came into being the world's finest painting.

There are few who realize what possibilities are locked up within them until some necessity compels them to attempt something they have always considered impossible. —Friendly Chat.

CHURCH—Attendance—2

A woman, after the sermon, thanked the minister for his discourse. "I found it so helpful."

The minister replied: "I hope it will not prove so helpful as the last sermon you heard me preach."

"Why, what do you mean?" she asked.

"Well," the minister said, "That sermon lasted you 3 mo's!"—*Dio-cese of Fond du Lac.*

CHURCH—Contribution—3

When the hat which had been passed around the congregation was ret'd empty, the pastor shook it. Then he raised his eyes: "Lord," he prayed, "I thank thee that I got my hat back from this crowd."

—*Louisville Courier-Jnl.*

EFFORT—and Reward—4

Chas Steinmetz, the electrical wizard, often worked on in the Gen'l Electric laboratory long after the rest of the staff had gone home. A fellow worker chided him about it, griping: "Don't be such a fool, Steinmetz. You get the same pay check every week no matter how hard you work."

Steinmetz looked up from his test tubes. "It doesn't matter whose payroll you are on, my friend," he said significantly, "you are working for yourself."—*Liberty.*

FATE—5

A woman of some means did not wish to leave her money to her

husband's people, or to charity. She willed that her estate was to be used to perpetually provide fresh flowers for her grave.

Some yrs later, she decided to spend the winter in Fla. Friends persuaded her to go out fishing. A storm came up suddenly; the small craft was capsized. The woman's body was never found.—*Facts.*

They DO say. . .

When *Time* recently heckled Hollywood over the length of credit titles at the start of each picture, IRVING HOFFMAN reports that a reader ripped out *Time's* table of contents page, attached the Hollywood item and sent it in without comment. The list of editors, etc totals over 150 names . . . Started more or less as a gag, that "I hate JACK BENNY . . ." contest developed into what *Variety* calls a "sockeroo" publicity stunt. Yielded 135,000 entries 1st wk . . . With meat off ration and sugar still scarce, *Harper's Bazaar* concludes this is ideal time to revive their 9-day wonder diet. They're giving it a big new build-up . . . Moralists will regret to learn that *Dillinger* is termed "big-gest money-making film of '45." . . . Among the new mags shines *The Gold Star*, published by Gold Star Wives of World War II. Its worthy mission: "to work to keep the peace for which our husbands died."

FREEDOM—6

Freedom, like health, is seldom discussed until it is disappearing . . . When men talk a lot about their freedom there is as surely something wrong as when ladies talk a lot about their virtue, a certain insecurity is to be inferred.—WM AYLOTT ORTON, *The Liberal Tradition.* (Yale U Press)

HANDICAP—Overcoming—7

A few yrs ago, while attending a polo game, my attention was called to the No 1 man on one of the teams. He was a thoroughly good rider, handled his ponies well, rode interference with cour-

age and dash, stroked exceptionally well.

I chanced to be present at the end of the game when this No 1 man rode up. Two stablemen approached the steaming pony. First they unfastened large rubber bands that held the rider's boots in the stirrups. Then this man slid down into their arms. Only at this point did I realize that the rider couldn't walk! Infantile paralysis had caused the loss of the use of his legs. But he ret'd to the saddle, engaged in a fast, dangerous game—and did a grand job of it.—HARRY BOTSFORD, "Ask the Dictionary About Handicaps," *Trained Men*, hm, Internat'l Correspondence Schools.

HYPOCHONDRIA—8

A patient who spent most of his days, and nights, reading up on the disease he was supposed to have, was once thus admonished by Dr Oliver W Holmes: "Look out or you'll die of a misprint some day!" —KEN MATHUS, *Life Insurance Courant*.

INTERNAT'L RELATIONS—9

In laying the foundations of a new internat'l order, much of our perplexity is due to trying to pour the new wine of modern thought into the vessels an older legal tradition has fashioned for us.—BERNHARD MOLLENHAUER, "The Quest For a Lasting Peace," *World Affairs Interpreter*, Autumn, '45.

LABOR—Organization—10

Too many Americans have a blue-denim picture of labor. They envision its weapons only as strikes and violence. Today labor is big business, frequently led by conservative \$500-a-wk executives, 85% of whom were born in America. They are expert modern propagandists prepared to use standard radio broadcasts, frequency modulation stations, motion pictures, comic books, tabloid newspapers, beauty contests, labor book-of-the-month clubs and airplane advertising to put their campaigns across. They own daily papers and slick magazines.

In other words—take the union sign off the door on Detroit's West Milwaukee Ave and, except for the

size of the bldg, the casual visitor would not know whether he is in a labor bldg or a sales division of Gen'l Motors.—VICTOR RIESEL, "Labor Is Big Business," *American Mercury*, 12-'45.

LAW—Ethics—11

In law a man is guilty when he violates the rights of another. In ethics he is guilty if he only thinks of so doing.—IMMANUEL KANT.

The New Year

Time has no division to mark its passage; there is never a thunderstorm or blare of trumpets to announce the beginning of a new month or yr. Even when a new century begins it is only we mortals who ring the bells and fire off pistols. —THOMAS MANN. 12

MATERIALISM—13

With the average Yank, "When do we eat?" has a stronger appeal than "Where shall I spend eternity?" The menu speaks louder than the Decalogue or the Golder Rule. Verily, bread and butter, beef and bacon, pies and puddings are the six great American heroes.—JOHN DAVIS, chairman, Jr Garden Committee, Nat'l Council of State Garden Clubs, quoted in *The Penn Trail*, hm, Penn, The Florist.

OPULENCE—Danger of—14

A traveler tells of a peculiar experience that happened as he voyaged on the coast of South America. While his ship lay at anchor . . . during a few calm days, it became the center of a great floating island of beautiful lilies. But beauty was soon forgotten in the danger. They accumulated so rapidly that the chains became entangled, and yielding to the flow of the tide, the flowery mass caused the vessel to drag her anchor, and to drift in a wrong direction. Eventually the crew had a long and tedious task with cutlasses and hatchets to release their ship from the imprisoning flowers . . . How often has an accumulation of the gay and golden flowers of opulence and pleasure accounted for the fatal drifting of noble lives!—*Sunday School Times*.



**CONFIDENTIALLY
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MEGAPHONE**

Theatrical performers are traditionally known for their generosity in "playing benefits." Excepting, perhaps, physicians and wearers of the cloth, no group has given so liberally of its talents and time to the furthering of charitable enterprises. Of late, however, there are signs that this "free talent" business is developing into something approaching a racket. Many organizations with no charitable intent are putting on pressure to get actors and actresses to perform gratis. Some booking agents declare they spend as much time arranging for free performances as they do in getting their clients bona-fide engagements. Theatrical fraternity is about to rebel.

Professors of agriculture, the farm mags, and other interested groups and individuals are considering the practicability of trying to discourage the planting of corn in our more northern states. Figures on '45 corn yield have now been tabulated, and they are pretty disheartening. There was plenty of corn, but quality is extremely low. Late spring and cool summer resulted in much soft grain which probably will spoil before it can be consumed. This condition in some degree happens so often that question is whether farmers in far north would do better to abandon corn, concentrate on other crops.

Many books whose publication was held up by Army or Navy during the war, for "security" reasons, will never find their way to marts of trade. Authors are boiling! The few thus far released have evoked little interest. Mat'l is stale. Writers insist much of the "security" action was arbitrary, pure hokey.



NEWS OF THE NEW

AGRICULTURE: New type plow will enable farmers to rejuvenate the land, protect it against erosion, increase production. Equipped with add'l bases set few inches below, behind, and to one side of upper bases. Latter adjusted to normal depth, while lower bases by widening, deepening the cut, crumble hard undersoil, mixing it with lower portion of top soil, thus restoring to use soil packed by yrs of plowing. (*Christian Science Monitor*)

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CALCULATING DEVICE: Deci. Point Slide Rule, claimed to be 1st to place decimal point in over 300 yrs of slide rule history, not only places decimal "mechanically" for result, but also for sq root, cube root, logarithm of the result, all of which are obtained at same time. (*Forbes*)

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FABRICS: New fabric, *glame*, picks up and reflects colored light. Now used for theatrical curtains, mfrg hopes to adapt it to rugs soon. (*Printers' Ink*)

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PHOTOGRAPHY: Pressure-proof camera and equipment that can be used 225 ft under water to photograph sunken ships, other objects, is electrically-operated, multiple exposure instrument. Can be operated from surface by remote control. Uses standard film, filters and flash bulbs. (*Science News Letter*)

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PLASTICS: Vinyl plastic similar to that used in making skid-resistant long-wearing shoe soles is to be the base of resilient new tiles for floors, walls. Monograms, medallions, other design effects can be molded right into special tiles. Alkalies, oils have no effect on them. Water won't make them slippery. (*Business Wk*)

PERSPECTIVE—15

A baseball game was in progress inside the lot and 4 or 5 lads had stationed themselves along the fence, watching the game thru cracks and knotholes. A good-natured old gentleman, with an understanding heart, stopped beside one little chap and said, "That's a poor way to watch a baseball game, isn't it, sonny?"

The little fellow looked up for a minute to get the measure of his questioner, then returning his eye to the knothole, he replied, "You can see a lot thru a knothole."—ROY L SMITH, *Sidewalk Sermons*. (Abingdon-Cokesbury)

REVERENCE—16

While in Mexico plotting the course of the new Pan-American highway, surveyors ran into unexpected difficulty. All the smooth-grained, highly prized stakes left for markers at night were gone by morning. Later they would be found on the farms where the natives had used them for repairing plows and patching chairs. Explaining the importance of leaving the markers made no impression. At last someone decided to nail a strip just below the top of each stake; to form a cross. The devout Mexicans never touched another stake.—*Nat'l Parent-Teacher*.

SALESMANSHIP—17

Even the best salesmen, out of sheer boredom or familiarity with the prospect, sometimes forget what the homely, successful produce huckster never forgets. Always, as the huckster walks up the back alley, amid a clutter of tin cans and dinginess, his call embodies a selling principle: "Red ripe tomatoes. Nice red apples. Fresh strawberries."—C G O'NEIL, "You Never Hear a Huckster Yell, 'Rotten Apples!'" *Printers' Ink*, 12-14-45.

SPEECH—Speaking—18

If we pass in review the words we have given vent to in the course of the average day, we shall find that the greater number of them may be classified under 3 main heads: words inspired by malice or uncharitableness towards our

neighbors; words inspired by greed, sensuality and self-love; words inspired by pure imbecility and uttered without rhyme or reason, but merely for the sake of making a distracting noise.—ALDOUS HUXLEY, *The Perennial Philosophy*. (Harper)

To The New Year

The year's been cut and labeled
And filed for daily use.

There's the same am't for everyone

For blessing or abuse.

We can neither hoard nor hide it;

We can share it—and divide it;
We can LIVE it—we're INSIDE it—
With fulfillment or excuse.

For—we mark whate'er we contact

With a healing or a scar,
And we fill it with a presence
Of an earth-worm . . . or a star.
And—we leave it bright and lifted

Or sodden . . . as a clod,

And the world has sensed the passing

Of a mortal . . . or a god.

—MARSELLAINE PERRIE, *Church Mgt.* 19

TIME—20

An 80-yr-old man kept a detailed record of what he had done during each hr of every day and then figured out how he used his time during the entire period of his long life. He spent over 26 yrs in sleep, 21 yrs working, 228 days shaving, and 140 days paying bills. He also spent over 26 days scolding his children and 2 days yelling at his dogs. Only 26 hrs were spent in laughing.—WALTER DUDLEY CAVERT, *Remember Now*. (Abingdon-Cokesbury)

TOLERANCE—21

The test of courage comes when we are in the minority; the test of tolerance comes when we are in the majority.—REV RALPH W SOCKMAN, *Alabama Baptist*.

WOMEN—Livelihood—22

Statistics show that 68% of all women must pay their own way at some time in their lives.—*Fraternal Monitor*.

"Our only defense . . . is the ability to attack."

Every American citizen owes it to himself to read thoughtfully the full text of the REPORT which Gen'l of the Army GEO. C. MARSHALL submitted to our people at the conclusion of conflict. Since a vast majority will not do this, we present a brief passage demonstrating the staggering progress we have attained in the frightening and consequential business of destroying our fellow-men. You may accept Gen'l MARSHALL's conclusions, or draw your own. But the stark facts challenge your gravest judgment. It is a timely topic at this beginning of a new year—and a new era. GEN'L MARSHALL'S REPORT is issued by SIMON & SCHUSTER, in pamphlet at \$1; cloth binding \$2.50.

On 6 Aug the entire world learned that man had entered into a new era—that atomic power had been harnessed. This discovery can be man's greatest benefit. And it can destroy him. It is now so important that the people of the U. S. realize the possibilities of the future, that I here quote from a report, prepared at my request by Gen'l H. H. Arnold, commanding the Army Air Forces:

At war's outset our bombers were capable of 200 mi per hr, with a combat radius of 900 mi, effective operational ceilings of 24,000 ft and bomb-load capacity of 6000 lbs. Today, our bombers carry 20,000 lbs of bombs to targets 1600 mi away, at speeds of 350 mi per hr and altitudes of over 35,000 ft. With radar we can attack effectively even tho the target is obscured by weather or darkness.

We will produce within the next few yrs jet-propelled bombers to fly 500-600 mi per hr, to targets 1500 mi away at altitudes over 40,000 ft. Development of bombers capable of operating at stratospheric altitudes and speeds faster than sound, and carrying bomb loads of more than 100,000 lbs, already is a certainty. These aircraft will have sufficient range to attack any spot on earth and ret'n to a friendly base.

In '41 our propeller-driven fighters were ltd to 300 mi per hr, a range of 200-300 mi, effective ceilings of 20,000 ft. Today, our conventional fighters have speeds of 500 mi per hr, combat ranges of 1300 mi, effective ceilings of 35,000 ft. When the barrier of compressibility has been hurdled, as it surely will be, there is no practical limit to the speed of piloted aircraft.

At war's onset, demolition bombs

"The United Nations will unquestionably devote their sincere energies to the effort to establish a lasting peace. To my mind there is now greater chance of success in this effort than ever before in history. Certainly the implications of atomic explosion will spur men of judgment as they have never before been pressed to seek a method whereby the peoples of earth can live in peace and justice."

ranged from 20 to 2000 lbs, with a few 4000-lb blast bombs. We are now making a bomb weighing 45,000 lbs, to keep pace with a bomber already under construction. We have blueprinted a bomb weighing 100,000 lbs.

Rockets represent a great potential. We can direct rockets to targets by electronic devices and instruments which guide them to sources of heat, light and magnetism. Such rockets streak unerringly to the heart of big factories. They are so sensitive that in a large room they aim themselves toward a man who enters, in reaction to the heat of his body.

All these weapons make the air approaches of a country the points of extreme danger . . . We must now be prepared to oppose stratospheric envelopment with the techniques and weapons discussed above. It is clear that the only defense against this kind of warfare is the ability to attack. We must secure our nation by ourselves developing and maintaining these weapons, troops, and techniques req'd to warn aggressors and deter them from launching a modern devastating war against us.



God of Battles

Gen'l GEO. S. PATTON, JR.

Despite his legendary ferocity and apparently boundless confidence in his own abilities, Gen'l PATTON had a simple faith in his Creator; invoked His aid in all undertakings. In Dec '44 PATTON wrote a prayer, asking the Lord to hold back rains that were waterlogging the Saar region. He had it printed for distribution to his men at Christmas. By Dec 25, the 3rd Army was 100 mi from the Saar. But PATTON passed out his supplication anyway: "The Lord won't mind," he said. "He knows we're too busy now to print and distribute another prayer. It's the spirit that counts. He knows I mean well."

From pride and foolish confidence
From every weakening creed
From the dread fear of fearing
Protect us, Lord, and lead.

Great God, who thru the ages
Hast braced the bloodstained hand,
As Saturn, Jove, or Woden
Hast led our warrior band.

Again we seek Thy counsel,
But not in cringing guise.
We whine not for Thy mercy —
To slay: God make us wise.

For slaves who shun the issue
We do not ask Thy aid.
To Thee we trust our spirits,
Our bodies unafraid.

From doubt and fearsome 'boding,
Still Thou our spirits guard,
Make strong our souls to conquer,
Give us the Victory, Lord.

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The child was out visiting with her mother. The stay was lengthy and the little girl became restless.

"Mother—" she interrupted.

"Mary," rebuked the mother, "it's rude to interrupt while I am speaking; you should wait until I finish."

"But," said the child, "you don't finish."—*Coronet*.

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She had just asked that oldest of questions: "Will you love me when I'm old?"

"Love you?" responded the gallant swain. "Love you? I shall idolize you. I shall worship the ground under your little feet. I shall—sa-a-y, wait a minute! You aren't going to look like your mother, are you?"—*Business Girl*.

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A woman with her little son was looking at some dresses in a New York dress shop. Suddenly the little boy said: "Mama, I gotta go."

"Not right now, son," replied his mother.

"I gotta go now," shouted the boy.

To avoid a crisis a saleslady stepped up to the mother and said: "That's all right, madam, I'll take him."

The saleslady and the little boy went off hurriedly, hand in hand. On their return the mother looked at her son and said: "Did you thank the nice lady for being so kind?"

"Why should I thank her?" retorted the little boy. "She had to go, too."—*The Woman*.

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Guests at a N Y dinner, mostly scientists, were engrossed in discussion of the atomic bomb. One pessimist finally declared: "The atomic bomb is bound to lead us to a cosmic tragedy, and I am willing to bet that it will come within 5 yrs."

"I can't believe any such thing," said the scientist sitting beside him.

"Furthermore, I'll give you odds of a hundred to one that nothing like you predict will happen."

"Pretty long odds," said the first. "Why do you offer them?"

"Because I can't lose," said the optimist. "If either of us collects on that bet, I'll be the one."—*Grit*.

GOOD STORIES YOU CAN USE

I LAUGHED AT THIS ONE MILTON BERLE

Mrs MacGillcuddy walked into the butcher shop and said, "I'd like to have you cut me, please, six and seven-eighths pounds of flank."

It was an unusual request, but the butcher thought maybe his customer had a special recipe. Once, twice, three times, he was a bit short of the mark. Finally, he got a piece of meat that was exactly the right weight.

"Well, Mrs MacGillcuddy," he said, sighing with relief, "will you take it with you or shall I send it up?"

"Who wants it?" ans'd the customer. "I'm dieting and that's how much I lost. I wanted to see how it looks in one lump!"—*Out of My Trunk*. (Grayson)

The small son of the house had been told that he must always wait patiently till he was served at meals, and not draw attention to himself.

One day he was dining out at a friend's house with his mother, and somehow he was accidentally overlooked. Nobody noticed, and for a time he was patient, but at last he could stand it no longer. Leaning across to his mother, he said in an audible whisper:

"Mother, do little boys who starve to death go to heaven?"—*Tatler & Bystander*.

Someone asked a little boy to define the word "appetite." His answer was prompt: "When you're eating, you're 'appy. When you get thru, you're tight. That's appetite!"—*Watchman-Examiner*.

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Finding himself unable to meet his engagement in a certain town, a lecturer wired: "Give audience back their money." He rec'd the following reply: "We have given the audience back his money, and he has gone home perfectly satisfied."—*Tit-Bits*.

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The telephone rang and the young mother ans'd. On the other end of the line was her mother.

"Dear," said the voice, "I telephoned to find out if Dad and I could leave your children with you and Tom tonight. We are invited out for the evening."

